

Goaltender Elliott Battle awaits the shot in classic position.

## ICERS FALL IN CHAMPIONSHIP

by Missy Reider

The 1974-75 high school hockey season is over, and once again the Shaker Raiders have completed a successful season. They advanced to the finals in the city championship, and finished runner-up to Padua losing a hotly contested game in overtime, 8-7, after leading 5-2 in the third period. Their final record, including all playoff games and tournaments was 17-5-2.

The Iciers finished off the regular season by playing Garfield twice. They defeated the Bulldogs both times. The first of the two was held at Garfield, February 25. This game was postponed earlier in the season. The Raiders won easily 8-3.

The second game was on March 1 at Thornton. Again, it was a very one sided game as Shaker bombed Garfield, 10-1. Captain Keith Schultz, Dave McAllister, and Doug McGill each had two goals for the Raiders. Dan Staffon had two assists.

Then the Iciers advanced into the city playoffs. Their first game was March 5 at Thornton against North Olmsted. The Raiders played a good game, and finished on top 9-1. Leading scorer for Shaker was Gordie Orloff with two goals, followed by Dave McAllister with one goal and two assists. Also scoring for Shaker were Dan Staffon, Dave Drollinger, John Kiser and Tom Evans.

By winning the first game, the Raiders earned the right to play Garfield, again. This was one of the most tense games of the season. The Raiders came from behind to win 8-6. Garfield was ahead until Dave McAllister scored to tie it. The remainder of the game was very close until Shaker broke it open in the third period. Dave McAllister had a total of four goals followed by

Dave Drollinger with a hat trick. Doug McGill also scored.

Then came the big game against Heights. Because of the great amount of rivalry between the two teams, both teams were very hostile. But Shaker proved to be the better team as they pounced on the Tigers and won 6-3. The Shaker goalie, Elliot Battle played an excellent game by holding the Tigers to only three goals. Dan Staffon led the Raiders to this exciting victory with a hat trick, and Bruce McAllister had two goals. Doug McGill also tallied for Shaker.

The championship game was played at the Arena on Saturday, March 15. About 2,000 fans travelled down to the Arena to watch the Red Raiders take on the Padua Bruins for the City Title. Unfortunately, the Iciers were defeated in overtime, 8-7. Padua scored first, but the Raiders retaliated, and tied it up. Minutes later, they were ahead. They kept this lead through the entire game, until the third period. Going into the third period, the Raiders were leading.

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## THE SHAKERITE

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### Shaker Succeeds in Vocal Contests

by Jim Freedman

The 1975 State Solo and Ensemble Music Contests were held on February 22 at Lakeland Community College. Sponsored by the Ohio Music Educators' Association, this annual contest is judged by a group consisting of voice teachers and choral directors from high schools, colleges, and universities throughout the state of Ohio. They are selected by the Music Educators' Association.

The contestants chose songs from a list provided especially for the event, with each song rated in difficulty from "A" to "C". An "A"-rated song is considered to be at the state-wide level of competition, a "B" rating at the district level, and "C" for beginners. Out of Shaker's ten "A" entries, nine received first-place ratings, and one received

second place. The soloists achieving first-place ratings were Sutie Nelson, Zeva Eisenberg, Andy Borowitz, and Carol Reich. Jim Demb received a second-place rating.

On the district level of competition, Kay Kleinerman got a first-place rating, and Candy Fleming received a second-place rating. All five of the vocal ensembles received first-place ratings at the state-wide level of competition. The participating groups were the boys' ensemble, girls' ensemble, the Chamber Choir, and two Madrigal groups. Students involved in these ensembles were Betsy Albert, Bonnie Bletcher, Jody Chernin, Paul Chrenka, James Demb, Zeva Eisenberg, Caryl Englehorn, Candy Fleming, Judy Gerson, Jane Joseph, Kay

Kleinerman, Marci Koblenz, Bill Kurtz, Scott Marous, Susie Nelson, Marcy Newman, Carol Reich, Lisa Schwartz, Gregg Scruggs, and Edlef Bandixen.

Accompanying the contestants on the piano were Bonnie Bletcher, Abigail Genuth, and Vicky Harding.

It is an outstanding record to achieve a first-place rating in nine-out-of-ten state-level entries, and all participants in the contests should be congratulated. This year the students had less time to rehearse their numbers, as the contests were held earlier. Next year, a greater amount of rehearsal time will be made available to participants in the contests.

Mr. Everson, in his second year as choral director of the High School, deserves sincere thanks for devoting his time and energy to the vocal contestants, and to the entire choir.

The April Fool's portion of this issue is done purely in jest and is in no way meant as an affront to Dr. Overs or any other staff member.

### Volunteer This Summer

by Sally Buckman

It may be hard to believe, but summer is on its way. That means that soon many students may find themselves facing the prevalent summertime plight of not having a job, and be confronted with feelings of boredom and lethargy (God forbid!) But, taking a more serious note, an excellent way to save your summer from wasting away into a disarrayed collection of inconsequential memories is to become involved in some type of service personally enjoyable as well as worthwhile to others. Numerous health and social service agencies in the Cleveland area have a tremendous need for student volunteers who are willing to spend some time (from one to five days a week depending on the program) helping to organize and run both summer and year-long programs. A small potpourri which outlines some of the various volunteer openings for this summer follows.

Mt. Sinai Hospital's volunteer needs are similar to those mentioned for St. Luke's in the last issue. They use nurses aides, candy strippers, patient escorts and snack bar and gift shop workers. The amount of time required varies according to the job and personal availability.

The Red Cross sponsors many specific summer programs. One is the Hiram House Day Camp which lasts eight weeks. Student volunteers are needed three days a week to work as assistant counselors. A summertime tutoring program designed by the Red Cross which helps poor, Spanish-speaking children needs student tutors.

The Cleveland Hearing and Speech center uses students to monitor their answering service and help clients with problems they are facing at home. The need for volunteers here is very great.

True Sisters Nursery School located on Lee Road uses students as teachers' aides.

United Cerebral Palsy can use student volunteers badly. They offer a career-oriented program which demands devotion and hard work from the volunteer. The volunteer works as an assistant counselor with children who have cerebral palsy from 9 to 3 five days a week.

Another program which calls for serious, motivated students is Call for Action. Call for Action offers the community open phone lines to voice problems for which they have been unable to accomplish solutions. A Call for Action volunteer personally researches the problems and reports the findings back to the caller. Volunteers must be available at least one day a week from 9:30 to 1:30.

This is only a brief sampling of some of the exciting possibilities open for summer volunteering. More descriptions will be found in later issues. But if any of these opportunities interest you, talk to someone in the Youth Employment Bank office in Room 231. More information as well as assistance in obtaining these positions is available.

The Youth Employment Bank expresses its thanks to Margie Holdestein and Bibi Rothstein for their nifty "word mural" in the Ely Gallery. A final word—don't forget that the Red Cross bloodmobile will be at Shaker in the Social Room on Monday, April 16.

### Senior Scholars Receive Recognition

by Lawrence Siegel

Eighty-six Shaker seniors received honor keys at a presentation on Wednesday, March 19. Honor keys were awarded to seniors who maintained at least a 3.5 grade point average over the seven semesters starting with ninth grade. The awards were given by Mr. Samuel Watts, the president of the Shaker Dad's Club which has traditionally provided the awards. The guest speaker was Mr. George Qua, a former Shaker student and a prominent member of the community. A reception was held in the Science Lobby after the presentation. The Shaker PTA provided the reception.

The students who received honor keys were Wendy Abrams, Elisabeth Albert, Brenda Bagby, Linda Baum, Randi Bayer, Lee Berke, Neil Biskind, Keith Black, Cathy Blumberg, Jeffrey Borkan, David Brenkus, Wendy Brown, Sally Buckman, Eileen Burgin, Pamela Cairns, Steven Chalmers, Jodi Chernin, Steve Ching, Laura Coleman, Andre Craig, Stephen Daniel, James Demb, Christine Donzella, Alison Dunlop, Laura Duncan, Timothy Everett, Michael Federico, Steven Fleischman, Arthur Gabinet, Carl Gaede, Judy Gerson, Judith Glueck, Jeffrey Gray, Lawrence Hirsch, David Inglis, Cindy Jacobs, Beth Karson, James Kiggen, Steven Killpack, Amy Kleinman, Kerro Knox, Heidi Kraig, Walter Krohngold, Gary Lammert, Leslie Landefeld, Frederic Levine, Ivy Lewis, Ellen Loth, Jody Marken, Debra

Markiewicz, Timothy Markt, Barbara Mayne, Alison Mearns, Andrew Melnick, Rhonda Miah, Robert Miller, John Nadai, Diana Namkoong, Jeffrey Novack, James Pedone, Rebecca Persing, Miraim Plevin, Elizabeth Plotkin, Robert Price, Christine Robinson, Geanette Ruggiero, Diane Sallade, Caroline Sellinger, Mark Servis, Lawrence Siegel, Cheryl Shary, Jakki Simmons, Alice Simon, Janice Sonkin, John Stoller, Gregg Stone, Leigh Sullivan, Robert Tuschman, Nancy Wallace, Muriel Weber, John Weinberg, Lisa Weinberg, Mark Wischmeyer, Stephen Wood, Randall Wormser, and Julie Wyatt.

In letters to the parents of the recipients, Dr. John Lawson, the Superintendent of Schools, noted that the Class of 1975 had the highest percentage of honor keys awarded to any class in the ten years he has been in Shaker Heights. Mr. Kenneth Caldwell, Shaker's Assistant Principal, said that he does not believe that anything can be read into this fact. He stated, "The standard of excellence is as high as it has always been for those pursuing a high school education in the academic area."

Some recipients observed that those who receive the award are not necessarily the most intelligent people in the class, but rather have simply achieved well. A number of recipients commented that the award is not very meaningful, but it is nice for the parents.

### J.C.W.A. Diplomats Attend Model UN

by Joan Walton

About fifteen utterly exhausted students returned from Washington, D.C., a few weeks ago. The cause of their exhaustion was a four-day Model United Nations sponsored by Georgetown University. The purpose of the trip to Georgetown was to gain first-hand experience on the workings of the United Nations by representing a country in the U.N.

Members of the Shaker Hts. Junior Council on World Affairs represented Egypt and Honduras. Each of the delegates from the two countries was assigned to participate in a committee, such as Committee Four on multinational corporations and the development of trade. It is the duty of the delegate to represent his or her country as accurately as possible, which is easier said than done. If one's country is small, like Honduras, it is often difficult to find information other than literature on travel resorts. The problem, therefore, is how to find specific subject information pertaining to one's country. The best insurance against research difficulty is to select a large nation, like The People's Republic of China or start doing

research months in advance of the Georgetown UN.

The Georgetown experience can be stated in one word, politicking. In most of one's waking hours one is either trying to persuade someone on a motion, or being persuaded by someone else. The whole process is very exciting, since it can result in the formation of international alliances, or the breakdown of diplomatic ties.

Anyone who is willing to do research and be aggressive can gain power, for unlike the real United Nations, a small, well-organized delegation can partially control a Model United Nations.

The Georgetown Model UN was an indirect learning ground for the delegates. For many delegates, the UN was the first experience similar to college life. Most delegates formed close friendships with other delegates. The delegates also had a chance to see people from all over the country.

The trip to Washington was valuable in several ways to everyone who went. Anyone who is interested in politics or international affairs should look into the JCWA next year.



# Crime Rate Rises Rapidly

by Debby Seidman

Recent rampant increases of the nation's crime rate, which have gloriously named Cleveland the second-most-dangerous city in the country, have caused many people seriously to consider (or, to reconsider after dropping the matter) the need for some type of gun control legislation. Cities throughout the nation have not waited to be shown by statistics to be at the top of the list of crime rates, and many committees for handgun control have begun work. Suburban residents who felt that crime only affects the inner-city have been disproven, just recently by killings in Shaker Heights, and are now petitioning strongly for gun control. Yet, as in any faction pressing for recognition, strong opposition to the handgun control legislation has sprung. Gun control, however, is not an issue that can afford to delay action; the precious price paid for waiting mounts ominously.

Among the opposition, one obvious reason has hindered the campaign to regulate the sale of handguns more closely: the argument that limiting a person's right to buy a weapon is an infringement upon one's constitutional rights. The validity of such a statement remains extremely shaky, though long used as a reason to delay action. If such a statement can claim truth, then should not murder be legalized? After all, one's right to the pursuit of happiness might be infringed by someone's existence. On the other hand, why weren't killer drugs legalized? The freedoms guaranteed by the constitution can't be stretched beyond a logical limit, beyond the point where one person's rights endangers another's life.

Aside from the constitutional right to purchase guns, the need of self-protection has also been a major reason of the opposition. The many committees that work for the regulation of handgun control want just that, to regulate, not to totally ban the sale of guns. As long as a valid reason for purchasing, and assurance of registration, are certain, no problems with purchasing arise. If sufficient control of weapons does become a reality, then the fear and subsequent need to purchase a gun for protection will decrease.

The issue of gun control is not one which can be evaded because an individual cries that his rights or ability to protect himself are not fully given. At the risk of sounding pedantic, with rights and freedoms come the inevitable responsibilities and laws. Nearly any law can appear as a restriction on freedom to an extent, but the distinction between the right to live in freedom and the right to mar a person's right to live—that distinction is the important consideration of gun control legislation.

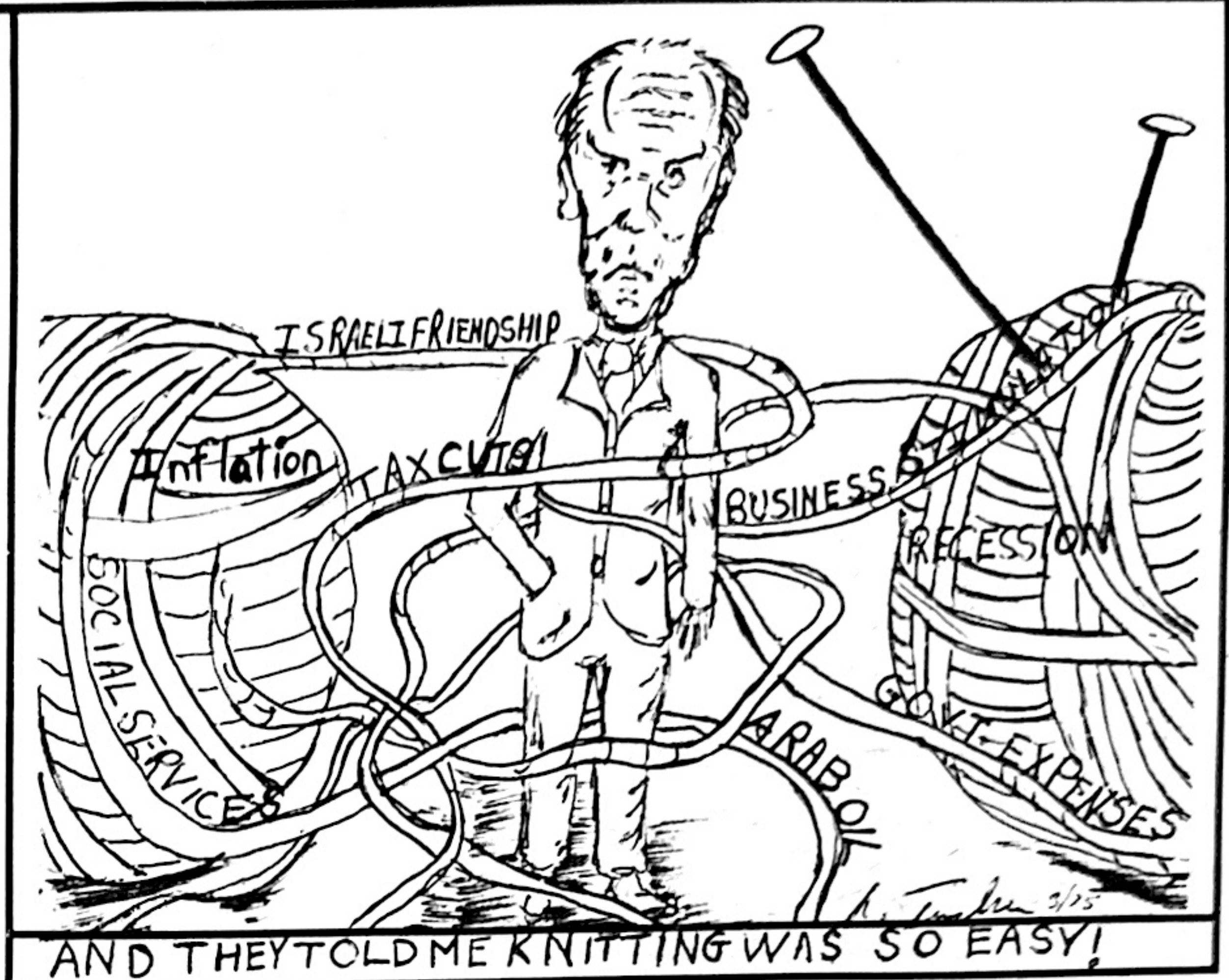
## G.P.A. Systems Needs Alteration

by Abigail Genuth

At this time, Shaker has a point system in which the point allotted to each grade decreases by one as the letter lowers one grade, but decreases by only a half a point as the level lowers. Although it may be confusing to change the system with respect to mixups in grade point averages and class ranking, I feel that a change in the system would be most beneficial for the students. The differences in points between grades should equal the differences in points between the levels.

Students should study to fulfill the capabilities of their minds, not to receive honors for good grades. In higher levels, more material is covered and in greater detail. In this class, a student discovers and develops talents which can be used for enriching his own life. However, the present point system discourages a student from extending himself by taking a higher level. For example: a student estimates that he can earn an "A" in a level three subject but only a "B" in the same subject taken in level four. As I believe that grades are not an accurate measure of the amount learned, although he receives a lower grade, he still may learn much more in the higher level. However, because an "A" in level three is worth more points than a "B" in level four, the student is discouraged from taking the higher level, perhaps denying himself a chance for greater enrichment and enjoyment in school.

The present point system discourages a student from trying to improve and extend himself by taking higher levels. Because the school should encourage the student to take the level in which he can extend himself and learn the most, not the level in which he can earn the highest grade, the school owes it to the students to change its point system.



## Spring Break Urged for Third Week in March

by Debbie Alfred

The break that spring vacation offers is a great aid to both the students and faculty as far as continuing through the school year with a good attitude is concerned. The vacation gives everyone a chance to get away from the building, schedule, and work load that, after a while, become a monotonous and dull routine. After the week of free time, it is much easier for everyone to return to school to enjoy and take advantage of the opportunities there.

Other vacations during the year provide the same relief, and until January, are spaced conveniently, so that relatively short periods of school are followed by vacations. In the last five and a half months of the school year, however, there are only eight days off—one after finals, one for Presidents' Day, five for spring vacation, and one for Memorial Day. This long stretch during which school is in session needs to be broken up to avoid feelings of apathy, depression, and being closed-in, and although these eight days are helpful, I believe that they could be more beneficial if spring vacation were scheduled at a fixed time each year.

At present, the Shaker schools' spring recess coincides with Easter, causing the dates of the vacation to vary substantially. For instance, the vacation this year begins on March 21; next year it will not start until April 9. I believe that a fixed date for the vacation, dividing the five and a half month period, would be more advantageous to the entire school than a vacation conforming to a religious holiday.

If Shaker's spring vacation were to be the third week in March, there would be other advantages in addition to the fact that the long stretch from January to June would be divided in half. This would also enable plans for the vacation to be made with less trouble, since one would not be bothered with looking up the dates. This would be particularly beneficial when plans for a trip or reservations are being made. Furthermore, Shaker's vacation would then coincide with that of the private schools in this area and many

colleges. This would allow Shaker students to spend time with their friends from other schools during their vacation and families could make plans including all members.

I strongly believe that Shaker's

spring vacation needs to be scheduled permanently for the third week in March, so that the numerous advantages that would result would make things easier for everyone at Shaker and their families and friends.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor,

Li'l Abner was certainly a wonderful success, and was received well by a warm, responsive audience each night of its performance.

Thanks are in order for Mr. Everson, choral director, and assistant Janice Sonkin. Dr. Strater, acting director with assistant Nancy Huber, choreographer Zera Eisenberg, technical director Ms. Ellen Kronheim, and the many people involved in the crews. It seems that the technical aspects in our plays are often overlooked along with the people who worked so hard to construct the set, set lights, paint, and make up the actors. On the evenings of performance, they make sure that everything runs smoothly and are as important to the show as any actor. Again thank you to our hard working crews.

Sincerely,  
Jim Freedman

Dear Editor,

The utilization by the cafeteria of plastic plates and plastic utensils is simply appalling. Their complete disregard for the ecological balance in our environment greatly disturbs us. The plasticware after use is disposed of, thereby eliminating

any recycling. Now instead of paying just for food, the students are having to foot the bill for these plastic items.

As more high schools switch to this wasteful means of feeding their students, the prices of these items will undoubtedly increase, thus boosting the price of lunch itself. In addition, by using plastic plates, it would encourage students to take their lunches out of the cafeteria since the plastic plates will be thrown away. Such a development would more than likely cause a large increase in the amount of litter strewn around the campus. This may not seem like much of a problem now but with warm weather approaching, the full impact of this wasteful decision will become readily apparent. In this current era of economic and ecological struggles such a decision to use plastic utensils in a school cafeteria is a blatant anachronism.

Furthermore, if the cafeteria is so concerned with providing the students with fun, possibly an improvement in the quality of food is in order. Perhaps proper budgeting would enable the cafeteria to bring about a lowering in prices, and at the same time better food. In conclusion, we must recommend that the cafeteria halt its usage of plastic plates and instead work on the betterment of their items.

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# FRITZ QUILTS: LEVINE ON SCENE

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Overs' resignation joins the list of many other great happenings on the date of March 31. This was the date that Lyndon Johnson announced that he would not seek re-election in 1968, that Daylight Savings Time went into effect in 1918, and that the United States took possession of the Virgin Islands in 1917. This was also the date that noted gambler Jimmy "The Greek" Snyder declared, "Never quit, no matter what the odds," that Mohammad Ali said, "Silence is golden," that the former president Richard Nixon stated, "To err is human, to forgive divine," and that H.R. Haldeman, John Erlichman, and John Mitchell declared, "Here come the judge."

During Overs' tenure at Shaker there have been many significant changes. The walls in the high school cafeteria have one from the traditional shade of white to a murky shade of orange. The horizontal egress has become a horizontal excess, a juke box has

been provided for in the cafeteria to set the stage for exotic dances, and the football team has come up with a rare winning season. There have also been some things that have remained unchanged under Dr. Overs. The food in the cafeteria is the same as always "in poor taste", the wrestling team continues to come up the short end of every meet, and Mr. Mesnerberg continues to be a character.

It has also been learned that both Mr. Kenneth Caldwell, Shaker's assistant principal, and Mrs. Gladys Bennett, Dr. Overs' private secretary, will also resign their positions at the high school. It is believed that they see their days as numbered because of the youth movement at Shaker and therefore they have decided it would be best to step down. It is not known what these two staff members will now do, but Mr. Caldwell has been overheard as saying, "It will be nice to get away from those (expletive

deleted) kids and back to a life of peace and quiet."

Fred Levine comes to the throne with a career of leadership under his belt. He was president of both his sixth and ninth grade classes during which time he successfully accomplished nothing. This past year he was editor of the *Shakerite*, a newspaper which he turned from an unknown to one of the nation's foremost examples of yellow journalism. In addition, he has been a leader in the sports field. Last year he was co-captain of his summer softball team which was blacklisted and told it could not compete in the league again. Thus, Levine shows the same leadership qualities as some of our recent high-level federal government officials have had.

Levine should be prepared for the hard times he might have to endure as principal because he has suffered through many pains, tortures, and agonies. This year, for example, he has had to contend with members of a newspaper staff so incompetent that they did not know a headline from a byline. Perhaps the smartest of them all, according to Levine, is junior sports editor Tom Haskell who was once quoted in one of his more eloquent moments as saying, "Duh, gee I don't know." But perhaps the thing which has hardened Levine the most is the fact that he has come through almost thirteen years in the Shaker School System and is still ticking.

One of Levine's first tasks will be the choice of a v.p., vice principal. He has said that he is looking for someone with a good head on his shoulders, who is intelligent and has a good sense of humor. Since this is of course impossible at Shaker he will probably select Andrew Borowitz.

Levine has also said that another thing he will do as principal will be to remove Mr. Burton Randall from his post as faculty advisor of the *Shakerite*. Levine and Randall have had many falling outs over what was to be published in the school newspaper. Levine preferred to print startling exposes on the private lives of teachers, but

Randall has consistently used his power to prevent the printing of these types of articles. Now that he has power over Randall, Levine will relieve him of his duty and take over the job himself. Randall, obviously disgruntled over his demotion, called Levine, "a bumbling fool." In response to this, Levine, has said he will force Randall to teach a course on the poetry of Edgar Guest, a poet whom Randall has called worse things than "a bumbling fool."

Thus, an era is ending, albeit a short one, at Shaker Heights High School, and a new one is beginning. Shaker will no longer be on the "fritz", but will be getting ahead with Fred.

## Fritz's Hit Disc Tops Music List

A new, tremendously innovative LP has rocketed its way to the top of many local radio charts. Released by Defunct Records, Inc., the name of this album is "The Greatest Hits of Dr. Fritz—The First Two Years." The artist, Dr. Fritz Overs, former principal of Shaker Heights High School, uses this album to relate his rise to power, his short-lived popularity, and subsequent resignation from his esteemed post. Most of the cuts on the LP allow the listener to realize the truly mundane existence that is the life of a high school principal.

The overall style used in "The Greatest Hits" is a unique cross between country-western and rhythm & blues. Fritz's powerful, driving style is enough to wake up even Shaker's faculty at a teacher's meeting. Rumor has it that during his first two years as principal, Dr. Overs has frequently threatened the school board that he would burst into song if they didn't pay attention to him. Obviously, Fritz has an unusual and memorable singing voice that a listener is not likely to forget. After a 1974 assembly, Clyde Xavier of Spritz Magazine described Fritz as having "twice the charisma of Euell Gibbons with all the talent of a hickory nut."

The most recent cut on this album, for obvious reasons, is "Unemployment Blues," a sad ballad describing Fritz's downfall. He pensively ponders his future in this song and attempts the merit of work versus leisure:

"Ain't no cause for alarm  
Unemployment do no harm.  
But I'd dig a job instead  
'Cause that's the way to make some bread."

Toward the end of this meditation, Fritz's voice cracks as he realizes he must spend his future on a farm.

"Unemployment Blues" conveniently leads into another of the greatest hits entitled "The Night A Cow Got Into Old Macdonald's Henhouse." Here Fritz, backed up by the Vienna Boys' Choir whistling "Sweet Georgia Brown", blasts out a country-style tune which metaphorically comments on the problem

students that Fritz formerly had to handle. The following two tunes further delve into student-principal relations. They are called: "Expulsion is a Nine-Letter Word" and "My Bullet-Proof Vest".

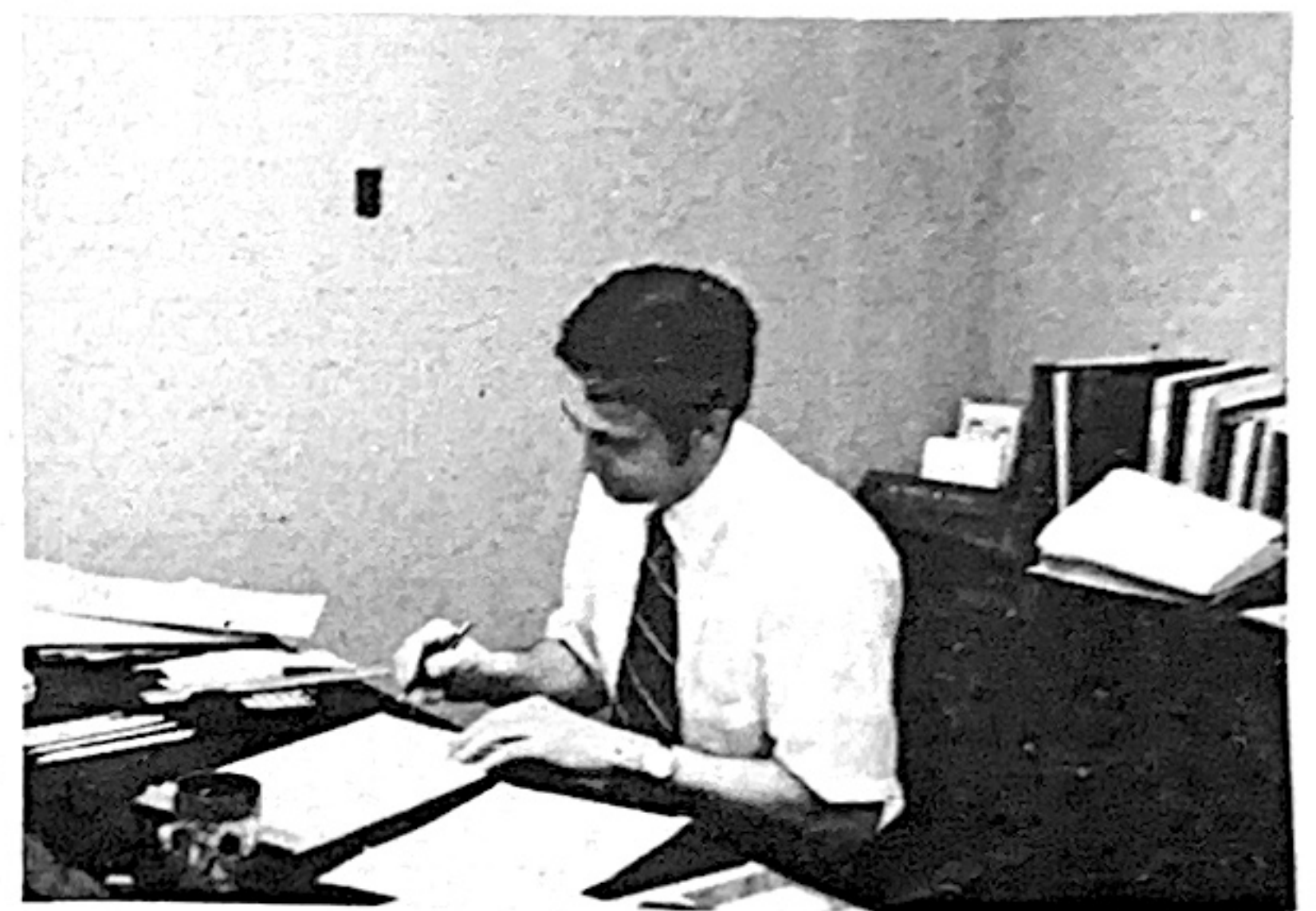
Turning to the flip side of "The Greatest Hits of Dr. Fritz", the listener finds that Fritz's tone has changed from sad to totally mean and bitter. The first song of this side, "Counselor Massacre", can be used as an indication of the mood the album is about to take. This excellent creation describes a constant daydream Fritz has had: to lock up all Shaker's counselors in the small auditorium and allow them to bore each other to death.

"Counselor Massacre" is immediately followed by the well-known tune "Counselor Funeral" which relates the second part of Fritz's dream. Being the only light and humorous cut on the album, "Counselor Funeral" has already achieved great praise. In this song, Fritz not only does the lead vocal, but shows his versatility by backing himself up on the kazoo while singing. The gist of the lyrics, as the title indicates, depicts the great celebration generated over the Shaker counselors being bored to death.

After a somewhat droll, somewhat ridiculous song entitled "Mad Dogs and Librarians", the album closes with a reprise of "Unemployment Blues". Even though Fritz has the unemployment blues, he seems to be optimistic now, especially in the verse which begins "A million bucks for one LP..."

Unfortunately, Fritz has given up his job as our chief executive, but all is not sadness. This reporter, however void of intelligence, sees a great future open to Fritz in the recording business. Right now, he is thinking of the possibility of recording a second album, going into politics, or both. Anyway, good luck to Dr. Fritz in creating many more hits.

(Faculty Advisor's Note: This reporter stands out illustriously among those totally void of intelligence in the *Shakerite*'s long and horrid existence.)



Dr. Overs during his last day in office. A hard worker up until the very end.

## Students Cry With Pity Over Fritz's Leaving City

In response to that fateful question of approval or disapproval of Our Man Fritz's coming retirement, Shaker students came up with a variety of interesting and illuminating illustrations.

Answering the overall question: "Do you approve or disapprove Dr. Overs's retirement?" a welcome majority of students said, "Yes". (77 per cent) 23 percent responded "No" of which 32 percent elaborated, "No Response". All students were obviously allowed the question more than once. Of the students who felt that Dr. Overs should stay (figure out whether that's "Yes" or "No" for yourself—I'm tired of making enemies), a decisive contingent (2 percent) were found to have been bald eagle breeders. Perhaps responsible for this is the fact that Dr. Fritz's well-endowed dome must have been a welcome change from the hairless heads of their furry feathered friends. Furthermore, the percentage of those approving who ate spaghetti regularly (96 percent) may have had an effect in their mixed-up response, emanating most likely from a tangled character.

Another fascinating trend: those polled who showed a peculiar affinity for bananas—27 percent—also showed, 56 percent of the time, an unusual habit of scratching under their upper lip, proving the old maxim "A banana a day makes the itching O.K."

Having gone to Great Pains (Ed. note: Leonard Sax is a great pain!) (an interesting place around 70 feet below the roof of the auditorium and only fully

appreciated if reached by air) to gather and edit material for this article, I consider myself qualified to make several judgements on the attitude of Shaker students toward the Overs administration. It became evident to me quite soon after I began work on this article that the students of this school harbour a genuine affection and deep respect for the counselors and secretaries whom they seek out daily. Naturally, I set out to find the nature of this affection.

I must confess that I was shocked by the results of my investigation. The respect of the students was actually almost in awe of the administrators and had produced a feeling that Aldersyde and Onaway Offices were something of a shrine—not to be approached under any circumstances. Witness this remark: "I never go near the place" or this: "I wonder what the SAT oracle predicts for my future."

For students professing such a belief in the divine right of principals the coming resignation of the reigning deity must have come as a sort of debauchery of the Pope. Though these students are not in the majority, they certainly influence student opinion. For instance, some random questions on the nature of the deity: "Who may see the face of Dr. Over's?" or "Is Dr. Overs Everywhere?" are heard daily throughout the school.

Getting back to the poll, not all students could make up their mind exactly how they did feel about Dr. Overs. Some were not conscious of him at all, but the more imaginative students had many suggestions concerning the principality of Shaker Heights

High School. Among them: replace the principal with an oligarchy of students, have Dr. Overs and Andy Melnick exchange places for a day, a week or a year, abolish all teachers and turn the school into a dictatorship under Mr. Zimmerman or give Mr. Mesnerberg back his post of assistant principal, whose first act would be to outlaw subversive polls in *The Shaker Left* like this one.

The students of Shaker, for all their diversity, did demonstrate a genuine interest in school by answering the poll. Such enthusiasm should be pointed out to that jerk who wrote that article about apathy. Dr. Overs was found to be at the hub of much student thought and discussion, and the announcement of his coming retirement certainly evoked many and varied emotions among the pupils. Among them were, summarizing: envy, jubilation, sorrow, mortification, awe, and even dismay. His short but exciting reign unquestionably left an indelible impression in the lives of all those students fortunate to study under his golden rule.

Even alkaloid schizophrenics (not a misprint), though a bit base in their values, were found to be 69 percent grateful for being at Shaker these past two years. The general consensus on Dr. Overs's retirement is probably an exhortation to stay here—79 percent of the Van Aken sophomores certainly felt so. If they can do it, so can you!

The names in this issue have been omitted in order to protect the guilty.



# Meet Your Leader: Fred Levine

When the students and faculty of Shaker first learned of ex-principal Fritz Overs' sudden resignation and of the secret coup which rocketed one Fred Levine into a position of absolute power, the general reaction to this startling change in Shaker's power structure was one of surprise and bewilderment. The first question that was most often raised was "Who is Levine?" And, indeed, who is Levine? Where did he come from? And, furthermore, what does he want?

All of these questions arrived at my desk in the **Shaker Left** office, where reporters have been working around the clock in an effort to unravel the story behind the story of Overs' sudden dismissal from a position of overwhelming power and authority. Not depending upon associated press and Reuter's for the complete story, I continually bombarded the new principal's switchboard with a barrage of telephone calls in an effort to arrange an exclusive interview with Mr. Levine. At long last, the principal's secretary Rosemary finally returned my call and invited me to visit the principal in the famed Overs Office, which, I understand, is currently being renamed the Levine Office.

General Levine, who was at that time accompanied by two members of his staff and key participants in the military coup, Colonel T.P. Haskell of the Navy and PFC Dave Inglis, invited me to take a seat in the oval-shaped Overs Office. Commander-In-Chief Levine immediately pointed out that the oval shape of the office would soon be transformed to a triangular shape. It is assumed that Secretary of the Interior, Major Lawrence Siegel, will engineer the transformation as soon as he learns how to inscribe an equilateral triangle in an oval. Levine claims that this will be no extra work for Siegel who, according to the General, "has to learn how to do it for the A.P. Math Examination, anyway". The following is my brief exchange with Principal Levine.

**Shaker Left:** General, the entire school was stunned by your surprising military prowess which enabled you to conduct your coup with great success. Is it possible for you, now, to expose the secret strategy that was integral to your sparkling victory?

Levine: Actually, my plan to take over the school began to take effect months before the actual coup which you have mentioned.

The first part of my plan consisted of indoctrinating the entire student body and faculty so that they became entirely loyal to the philosophy of Levinism.

**Shaker Left:** Levinism? Hmmmm...I'm not sure I'm acquainted with that. Could you give me a brief explanation of it?

Levine: No. This is for **The Shaker Left** and brief explanations don't take up enough space. Now, if you're looking for a wordy explanation...

**Shaker Left:** I'd be delighted, but since I understand that Leonard Sax is also writing an article, we probably won't have enough space to print your response. Getting back to your indoctrination plan...

Levine: Exactly what I wanted to talk about. I took direct action to subvert the values of the students and faculty of Shaker by firing every competent P.A. announcer that was employed last year. The new announcers, a group of former Thespians and other outcasts from society, succeeded in confusing the students' view of what was really going on in the high school.

**Shaker Left:** Were you responsible for any student insurrections earlier in the school year?

Levine: As a matter of fact, I was. With the aid of Secretary of Propaganda, Abigail Genuth, I succeeded in getting students angry about the most controversial unimportant issues that existed.

**Shaker Left:** Did you anger students about the condition of Shaker's economy in order to overthrow the Overs regime?

Levine: As a matter of fact, I did. I ordered the Gristmill staff to raise the price of the yearbook. I ordered the CEEB to raise the price of Advanced Placement Examinations. And, most importantly, I ordered the cafeteria to raise the price of potato chips by a nickel a day.

**Shaker Left:** Now that you have full control of the administration, what changes will you make? And, in addition, what is your response to the critics who claim that your regime will demonstrate that "absolute power corrupts absolutely"?

Levine: In answer to your second question, I do not believe that I have critics. As Commander-In-Chief of the **Shaker Left**, I now have the power to edit all remarks of my critics. After that, I intend to punish them by having them do book reports on the complete works of Mary Renault. In answer to your first

question, I intend to change many things at Shaker. As of midnight, April 1, the official Shaker language will be Chinese. The main office will be painted chartreuse. And that is only a start.

**Shaker Left:** General Levine, have you any closing words?

Levine: No. A man of great candor and directness, General Levine returned to the work of forging a strong regime on the foundations left by his deposed successor.



New Shaker commander-in-chief Fred Levine relaxes in his new office.

## Profs Bid Adios To Overs

The resignation of Dr. Fritz Overs as principal of Shaker High drew sharp and varied responses from several Shaker teachers. The comments ranged from an emphatic yawn, compliments of a study hall proctor, to total disbelief by one veteran faculty member who still does not accept as fact the Watergate scandal, Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon, and the cancellation of Gilligan's Island.

One teacher who took the news quite seriously was English teacher Janet Lewis. "I took the news quite seriously," she said. "Ever since he came here, Dr. Overs has been nothing but a tower of strength for me. Before, there really wasn't a soul in this school to whom I could turn in times of strife. He consoled me, he helped me, he guided me, he gave me shelter when the torrential downpours of life were raining cats and dogs. Not only that, he was the only person gullible enough to be talked into reading one of my typical short stories. It's not my fault he fell asleep while reading it."

But while Ms. Lewis showed true sentiment upon hearing of Dr. Overs' resignation, Theatre

teacher Ellen Kronheim did not display a great deal of emotion. "I did not display a great deal of emotion," she said, "but hearing of the news did shut my mouth, which no one person has been able to do since 1967. We are, however, planning a presentation in his honor. It will be called either 'The Overs Hour' or 'Li'l Fritzie'."

Spanish teacher Antonio Otero had this to say: "Es una lastima que el Sr. Overs se mudo alla hacienda. Si el me preguntara ami, el se mudaria a Puerto Rico." In other words, Sr. Otero does not believe that Dr. Overs will be happy in his chosen life unless he has a full supply of tequila.

Social Studies teacher Martin Meschenberg was somewhat melancholy in expressing his opinion. "This is another in a long and all too painful series of great American tragedies," he lamented. "A fine man, a good provider and one whale of a card player, driven out of the decisions, all the questions, all the problems, all were upon his shoulders. To his credit, he did the best one man could do, but it was only a matter of time. Fritz

will be missed by the teachers, the students, and all who liked him." (Mr. Meschenberg's comment is similar to a telegram we received from San Clemente. It simply stated, "Now he knows how I feel!")

While interviewing teachers, this reporter learned several little-known facts about Dr. Overs. Locker room attendant Willie Ross elaborated on Dr. Overs' conduct in the gym. "He had to be the rowdiest man I ever knew," Willie explained. "Every time he came in here, he snapped towels at people, and he loved squirting ice cold water at people in the shower. I always had to tell him not to walk across the gym in his Thom McCann loafers. One time, I caught him sneaking of with an extra towel."

But of all the statements gathered, this parody of the Guy Lombardo classic by one teacher (who declined to have an identity) summarizes the beliefs of many:

"May ol' Doc Overs be forgot,  
And never brought to mind,  
We've waited for this day for  
two long years  
Thank God he's one of a kind!"

## Gristmill Reviewed: A Classic Yearbook

I received my advance review edition of the new Gristmill last week and my initial response was one of amazement and awe. The first thing that struck me was the staff's incredible aptitude for putting names in alphabetical order. You don't see to much of that anymore, outside of telephone directories and recipe files. Naturally, this aspect of the yearbook was very refreshing. But the alphabetical order is only a beginning of a long list of

creative achievements which must be credited to this year's Gristmill staff.

The layout of the 1975 Gristmill differs from that of past yearbooks. This year, all pictures of sophomores have been reduced and are printed together on one page. (A magnifying glass for sophomores may be purchased in advance for \$1.00 and will be available in May at the price of \$5.95.) All of the juniors and seniors that I have interviewed agree that this was perhaps the best and most painless way of dealing with the current paper shortage. This new layout truly shows a student's progress as he advances in the high school. The sophomores are pictured as microscopic creatures, the juniors are magnified to the size of a postage stamp, and the seniors are pictured in studio photos which make them look like the ideal, perfect individuals they become after their three-year stay at Shaker. I must compliment the Gristmill staff for creating such an accurate representation of life at Shaker.

One aspect of the Gristmill yearbook which is usually overlooked by the average Shaker student is the great free-verse poetry which extends the length of the book. Perhaps my favorite of these poems is the one which is based on this year's yearbook's theme, "Parts of a whole". Reprinted here, for the

benefit of those who might not appreciate the poem when printed in the Gristmill, is "parts of a whole":

Parts of a whole  
show  
the total nothingness of  
everything  
the expanding  
contraction of amplified  
softness.  
children of age  
and patriarchs of youth  
gather apart  
in equal  
in equality and  
in real  
unreality.  
we hear what we see  
without looking  
to listen.  
we part as  
we meet  
and desert as  
we follow.  
parts of a whole.

Other poetry and prose of this year's Gristmill are of an equal literary quality. One must marvel at the ability of the staff to make so few words take up so much space while still saying so little. Perhaps we can all learn from the amazing literary ability of the 1975 Gristmill staff.

Now that I have whetted your enthusiasm for the 1975 Gristmill. I would like to encourage anyone who loves beautiful photography, art, and literary works to sell his car and buy a copy of the Gristmill in May.

## Playhouse Sprouts Leafy Success

A show that is simply charming is hard to find these days. The popular attribute of modern plays is relevance. It is virtually impossible to escape the outside world in today's theatre.

At last, there is relief! The Cleveland Play House has just opened its newest production in the 48th Street Theatre: *The Dance of the Tree-Elves*. This little play-with-music can only be described as charming. The play is in its first production after the off-off-off-Broadway premiere.

The lilting musical was scored by none other than Trevor Bordinaro, described by Mrs. Jake Bordinaro as "the next Steven Schwawtz." His collaboration on this show with Belle A. Donna, who won acclaim for her brilliant *Datenuts for Lunch* in 1972, has proved to be the success of the year. The direction and choreography of

Ted Tossy brings out the best of the stunning script.

Sterling performances by the all-star cast keep the show shining. Evie McElroy stars as the nymph-elf Glocca Morra. In her first singing part, she demonstrates why she has earned acclaim in legitimate theater. Her flitting about the stage is suited to her Tinkerbell manner.

Co-starring with Miss McElroy is Dan Desmond as the tiny hobbit Zeugma. The power of his acting is reminiscent of his previous role as the doorknob in *The Empty Thimble*. The great character part of the evil giant Axiom is portrayed by Norm Berman. Robert Allman takes the part of the young boy who finds a haven in the elves' elm tree (a supporting role played by Myrna Kaye). Thanks to a grant from the Ohio Arts Council, there

is a special cameo appearance by Alfred Hitchcock as the microwave oven.

The musical numbers remind the viewer of various musical forms of the ages. The hymnlike *Ode to Elm* has deep religious undertones. *The Leaves Are Shakin'* immediately bring to mind the American spiritual, and who can help thinking of Handel in the big production number *Egg Timer Chorus*? Opera and Gregorian chants are also well represented in the solos by Glocca and Axiom respectively.

The plot of the play is no more complex than any insipid musical, but the charm emanates from the sincerity of the authors. The plot will remain hidden so that those loyal fans may see the production without reservation, although I do suggest making reservations for this dear, little show.



# Bristol Booked As Bookie

Believe it or not, mild-mannered James D. Bristol, the chairman of Shaker's math department, is in reality the head of the biggest gambling ring in northeastern Ohio. He reportedly goes by the code name of Jimmy the Crewcut and handles as much as ten thousand dollars a day in bets ranging from athletic events to the numbers. He will even take a bet on whether or not the city will receive any precipitation, using the odds set by the weather bureau. (Most people don't realize that "20 percent chance of rain" really means 4 to 1 against.)

Bristol's covert activities were discovered by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The report,

which was released yesterday, was the culmination of six months of intensive investigation. This investigation ranged from bugging Bristol's computer to questioning known habitual gamblers, such as Mr. Graham and several hundred Shaker students. The resulting report, encompassing thirty-two single-spaced pages, details the particulars of all of Bristol's illegal activities, including whom he dealt with and the tools of his trade.

It was discovered that the so-called mathematical computer in the back portion of room 226 is actually a vast storehouse of information used to assist Bristol in the setting of odds and point-

spreads. Every horse and athletic team in the country is included in the memory of the machine, built especially for Bristol by Hewlett-Packard, and its career record can be printed out in seconds. In addition, the phone connected to the computer, supposedly a direct-line to Byron and Woodbury, is actually a direct line to United Press International and Associated Press. With this facility, Bristol can receive up-to-the-minute results of sports events which are printed out on the teletype of the computer.

Bristol does not work alone. He is training a small elite group of A.P. Math students known as the Math Club to follow in his footsteps. While pretending to study Euclidean geometry and advanced calculus, they are actually studying the Daily Racing Form, trying to pick winners. They are given practice solving problems like, "if the first place horse is 15 to 1 and the second place horse is 3 to 1, then what does the resulting perfecta pay?" Underneath the exterior of intellectual-looking glasses and conservative clothes, these boys are the core of the major gambling ring in this area. This reporter hopes that they, along with their leader, Jimmy the Crewcut, are dealt with severely by the law enforcement agencies handling this case.



An unidentified sports editor places a bet with Bristol.



Jimmy the Crewcut looks over the results from Aqueduct.

## FACES IN THE MOB



Mrs. Virginia Hoffman has been honored by the Librarians Association of America for "long and dedicated work to keep our libraries quiet and without disturbances." She was presented with a plaque emblazoned in gold with "if you want to talk, go to the conference room."



Mr. Ned Martin of Shaker Heights is to be congratulated for having the rowdiest team in the Shaker Sports program. His tennis team is completely devoid of any morals and discipline and is therefore the winningest team at Shaker.



Mr. Gary Mauks won the Iron Man Award of his high school swim team. He was in the water so much that he was noted for being a little wet behind the ears.



Mrs. Joyce Vernon has accomplished the unbelievable feat of being Mr. Caldwell's personal secretary. Although Caldwell is known as a stern taskmaster (among other things), Joyce is still smiling.

## Profile of a Klutz: Dave Schwartz

Everyone knows the legend of the great Dave Schwartz. As a sophomore, he played key roles in a couple of wins for the varsity football team. The same year he was reported to have batted .425 for the varsity baseball team while making no errors at shortstop. This year in football he led the league in interceptions with eight to help lead Shaker to second place. Now the rumors are flying as to how well he will do in baseball this year.

Do you believe all those things written about this young man? Could someone be such an all-around athlete? The Sports Opinion Board of the Shakerleft voted unanimously that these stories of Schwartz could not all be true. The SOB, therefore, sent out one of their roving reporters to do an in-depth interview with Schwartz to find out the real story of this legend.

**Shaker Left:** Well Dave, now that I was able to tear you away from your screaming horde of admirers, both male and female, I would like to do a quick in-depth interview with you. But before I start, I wonder if you would give me your much-cherished autograph.

**Schwartz:** Sorry, but I never give autographs.

**Shaker Left:** May I ask you why you do not give autographs?

**Schwartz:** For two reasons. First of all, I do not like the idea of wasting time signing autographs when I could be practicing one of my various sports. The main reason I do not give autographs, however, is because I can't read or write.

**Shaker Left:** Ah, a very good reason. But let us get on to your sporting abilities. After leading the league in interceptions, where you disappointed in not being selected for all-LEL?

**Schwartz:** No, I did not expect to be selected.

**Shaker Left:** Why not?

**Schwartz:** Because to be a really good defensive back, you

have to be able to tackle, and I was never very good at tackling. Whenever a running back came charging toward me, instead of looking like a fool by missing the tackle, I would always run the other way and pretend I was nowhere near the play I guess I am just afraid of physical contact.

**Shaker Left:** Well, no wonder you did not make all-LEL. Now on to baseball. It is true that you batted .425 and did not make an error at shortstop last year?

**Schwartz:** No, not exactly. To tell you the truth, my average

was closer to .225, and I probably came close to leading the league in errors.

**Shaker Left:** Why is there such a difference in what I have heard and the truth?

**Schwartz:** It always helps to have a girl scorekeeper, especially one who is madly in love with you.

**Shaker Left:** Ah, so that is how your fielding and batting averages got distorted. Now, what about your final varsity sport, basketball. The SOB learned that your playing time in this sport was limited. Why was this?

**Schwartz:** I don't know. I was trying to convince Coach Heinlen that I should start, but it didn't do any good. I keep arguing that besides the fact that I can't dribble, shoot or play defense, I think that I am the best player on the squad.

**Shaker Left:** I guess that is the way the ball bounces. I have one last question. Being such an all-around athlete (?), how do you fare at other sports, such as darts, field hockey, etc.?

**Schwartz:** I cannot judge my talent or lack of it in those sports very well. All I know is that I am not as good as I am in football, baseball and basketball.

**Shaker Left:** Oh, my goodness. I would hate to see you play in those sports. Thanks for the interview, Dave.

**Schwartz:** Anytime.

And now everyone knows the real Dave Schwartz. Before this article is concluded, however, the SOB would just like to say that no more of these features will be done, for they seem to bring bad luck to the players being interviewed. The day following this interview, Schwartz was informed by his doctor that he (Schwartz) was suffering from "little leaguer's elbow." Some feel that the doctor was just being nice.



Dave Schwartz shows perfect form for throwing a baseball like a girl.



# Levine's Candor Is A 'Breath of Air'

The reaction to the appointment of Fred Levine as principal has been for the most part favorable. Although there are a few die-hard Overs supporters left, even they acknowledge that the difference in attitude between the old and new administrations foreshadows some positive changes.

"The Overs policy was one of secrecy," said jr Lisa Schwartz, "one hardly knew what he did as principal, or even that he was alive, but with Levine, for better or for worse, at least we'll know."

Sr. spokesperson Jeff Novack said, "Levine's candor and frankness is a breath of air to the office of principal...I always thought that I was pretty tactless...until I met Fred."

The openness and candor of Levine will do away with any pretense of respectability which the office of principal has had in the past. He expressed his sincerity in the faculty meeting last Monday by saying, "I don't intend to hide a thing."



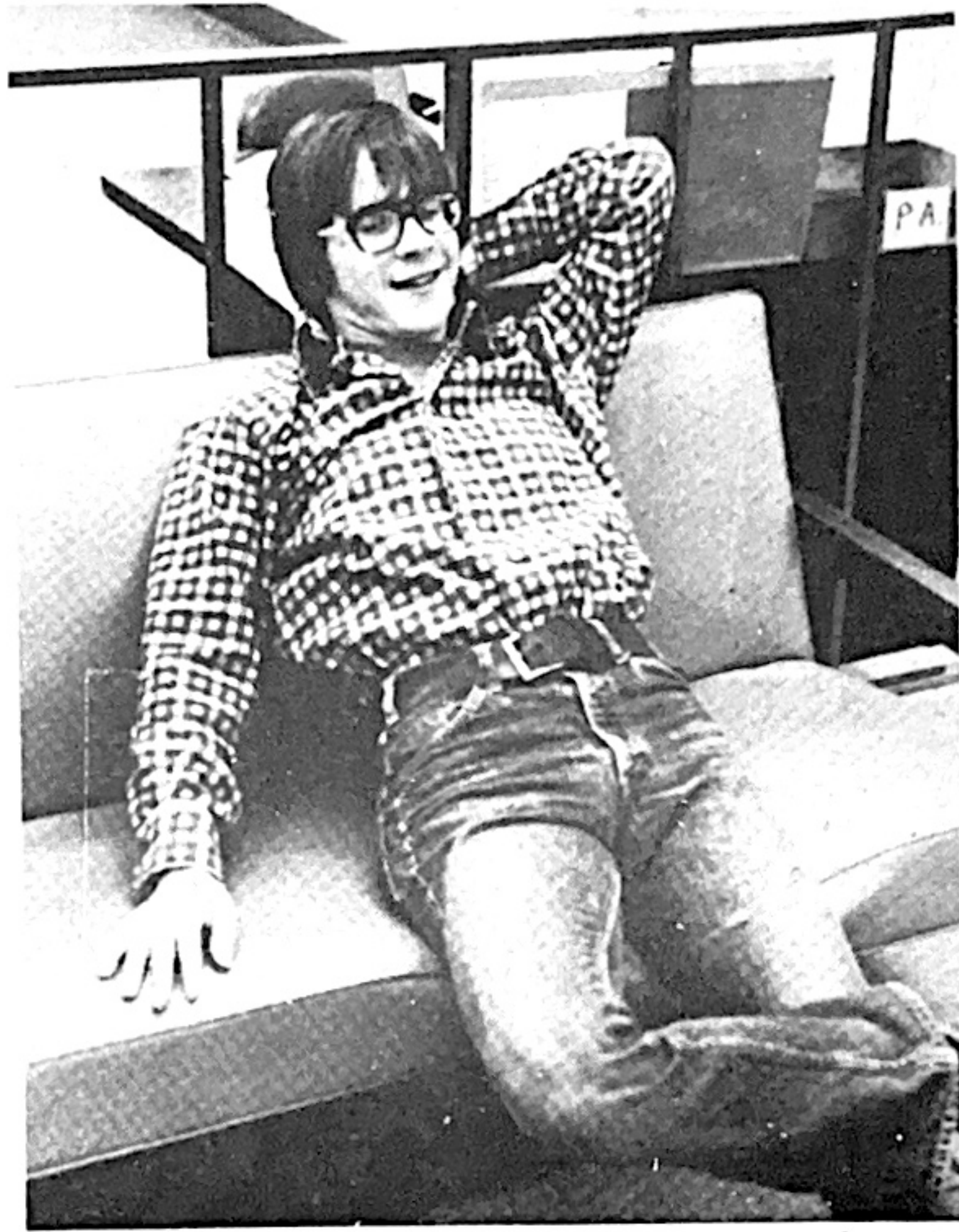
## Levine Leads Lustful Life

Fred Levine spent his last active day as a student by indulging in various pursuits and some captures. A firm disbeliever in decorum, Levine said that he planned to make some changes which would make administration "easier."

Among his reforms are:

1. Increasing the secretarial staff, notably his own.
2. Increasing the "liquid" assets within the office.
3. Utilizing the clinic for "special research purposes."

Levine reportedly justified the new expenditures by saying, "Even a lonely principal is entitled to a little happiness."



## Levine Will Scrap Policy Of Overs; Change Style

Months ago, when first considered as a candidate for the principalship, Fred Levine underwent the close scrutiny of the faculty and was forced to spell out his views on school policy in no uncertain terms.

Fred Levine readily acknowledged that his views on both academic and fiscal policies were virtually identical to those of Fritz Overs. "I would say a moderate on scholastic issues, a conservative in fiscal affairs and a dyed-in-the-wool supporter of most existing policies," he said at one point.

Thus, it appeared that the school and faculty could expect little in the way of change in the conduct of school affairs.

Since being assured the principalship, however, Levine has released a number of statements which conflict with his proposals.

Some of his recently announced policy changes are:

- The introduction of a mandatory three-hour day.
- A youth movement "sweeping out all of the dead wood" in the faculty.
- "Mr. Randall," Levine said, will be one of the first to go.
- Proclaiming Chinese the official language of the school and forbidding any other language to be spoken.
- To the inconsistency of these changes, Levine said, "I changed my mind. That's all."

## No Immunity Offered or Asked, Says Kotarski

Nurse Kotarski said this morning that despite Shaker's policy of providing for the assimilation into society of its ex-principals, immunity had not even been discussed with Dr. Overs.

She commented, however, "We would never allow a man who has served our fine school with such dedication to walk the streets susceptible to all of those nasty germs...he deserves some kind of protection...and I thank you, sir."

Dr. Overs tried to dispel some of the growing rumours this morning with a blunt and succinct statement: "I can't stand needles." Nevertheless, reliable sources in the main office say that some kind of deal is being made.

## Caldwell To Step Down For New Vice Principal

Vice Principal Kenneth Caldwell is expected to follow up his statement made yesterday by handing in his resignation, effective the moment Levine picks his replacement.

Caldwell had said to the press that he, "for one, (would) not put up with any of his (Levine) shenanigans," and threatened to quit if Levine was appointed principal. Levine immediately rebutted Caldwell's statement by saying that if he (Levine) was appointed, he would demand Caldwell's resignation on the spot anyway.

Mr. Caldwell says that his plans for the future are "uncertain."



## Levine Answers Right Wing Opposition

A concerned group of students and faculty members headed by Mark Weinberg stormed into Dr. Overs' office yesterday to protest the appointment of the young Levine as the new principal.

However, to their consternation, they found not a sympathetic Dr. Overs, but a cigar-smoking Fred Levine cleaning out the former principal's desk. The incident was ended when Mr. Levine insisted that they make an appointment with his secretary.

The small group left peacefully, but plan a rally in the Horizontal Egress to coincide with Levine's official appointment as principal.





# After 20 Years of Public Life, Is Overs Over?



The lightning rise and fall of Dr. Fritz Overs has been something of a mystery in academic circles; he seemed from all indications to be adapting well to his new office. However, experts believe that his resignation was not an abrupt decision on his part at all, but rather the result of a concerted effort to oust him from office.

The chain of events leading up to Dr. Overs' decision to step down in-

dicates something other than a voluntary retirement.

Six months after his appointment there was already a hint of discord. It arose over the transporting of a then-small palm tree from Florida to Dr. Overs' office, at the school's expense.

Opposition on the part of the faculty was voiced in a letter to the

editor of the Sept. PTA Newsletter: "He's (Dr. Overs) turning an institution of higher learning into a (Expletive deleted) arboretum."

Further tension was caused by an assassination attempt on Nov. 23; a weed bomb canister was discovered behind Dr. Overs' potted Crysanthemums. Fortunately, the detonation mechanism was defe-

ctive.

A frustrated Dr. Overs finally lost his composure and before bolting out of a faculty meeting on Nov. 27th was reported as saying "A campaign to drive me from office I expect from people like you, but no one has the

right to humiliate my plants."

On Dec. 7th, he made this seemingly innocuous statement to his secretary: "They won't have old Fritz to kick around much longer."

It's hard to say whether or not Dr. Overs was hounded out of office. At any rate, at least the faculty can rest assured that they've seen the last of Fritz.

## Overs Resignation Address

Following is the text of Principal Overs' resignation address to the faculty yesterday afternoon.

Good afternoon. This will be the 37th time I will have spoken to you from this podium where so many decisions have been made that shaped the history of this school.

Let me just say this: Throughout this long and difficult period, I have felt it was my duty to persevere, to make every possible effort to complete the kind of office to which I have been appointed.

In the past few days, however, it had become evident to me that I no longer have a strong enough political base here, among you my peers, to justify continuing that effort.

But let me make one thing perfectly clear, I have never been a quitter. To leave office before my job is comple-

ted is as abhorrent to every instinct in my body.

As Principal I must put the interests of Shaker first. Shaker needs a full time Principal, particularly at this time with the problems we face.

To continue to fight through the months ahead for my plants vindication would almost totally absorb the time and attention of both the Principal and the faculty in a period when our entire focus should be on the great issues of the educational process here at Shaker.

Therefore, I shall resign the principalship effective at noon tomorrow.

Fred Levine, editor of the student organ, The Shakerite, will be sworn in as Principal at that hour in this office.

But let me be perfectly candid. If some of my judgments were wrong

and some were wrong, they were made in what I believed at the time to be the best interest of the school.

For almost a quarter of a century in public life I have shared in the turbulent history of this era. I have fought for what I believed in. I have tried to the best of my ability to discharge those duties and meet those responsibilities that were entrusted to me.

Sometimes I have succeeded and sometimes I have failed, but I have always been right.

And finally, to those who have not felt able to give me your support, let me say I leave with no bitterness toward those who have opposed me; because all of us, in the final analysis, have been concerned with the good of the school system however our judgments might differ. Thank you and goodnight.

### Financial Future Looks Fruitful

The suddenness of Dr. Overs' resignation in no way reflects his readiness to change lifestyles. His plans call for living on a farm in Tennessee where he says he'll raise, among other things, bananas and nectarines.

Many of his followers have become concerned about his health. Said Mrs. Bennett, "In confidence, I think he's slipping... Even I know that bananas won't grow in Tennessee."

Dr. Overs has answered such skepticism by pointing out that, "all they'll need is a little love." A staunch supporter of plant psychology, Dr. Overs said that he always chats with his plants. "How do you think I got the palm tree in my office to grow... fertilizer?"



Dr. Fritz Overs and his secretary, Mrs. Gladys Bennet, exchange tearful good-byes.

## Overs Got Good Marks In Social Studies

Fritz Overs once said that while he thought Shaker H.S. High School could function adequately without a language dept., "A high school needs a history dept."

Overs, once a history professor at Phoegut Uni-

versity in Orfordville, remember that he always Wisconsin, has always had a definite bias for the social studies dept. him good marks."

Even his sharpest critics generally gave him good marks in history.

Mrs. Eli McCormick, his ninth grade history teacher said this about Overs, "Fritz has a good head on his shoulders. I

used to water my plants for me. I always gave him good marks." Aside from the fine faculty, Shaker's history dept. also distinguishes itself in its terrific record of field trips. Where these trips are made to, nobody knows.

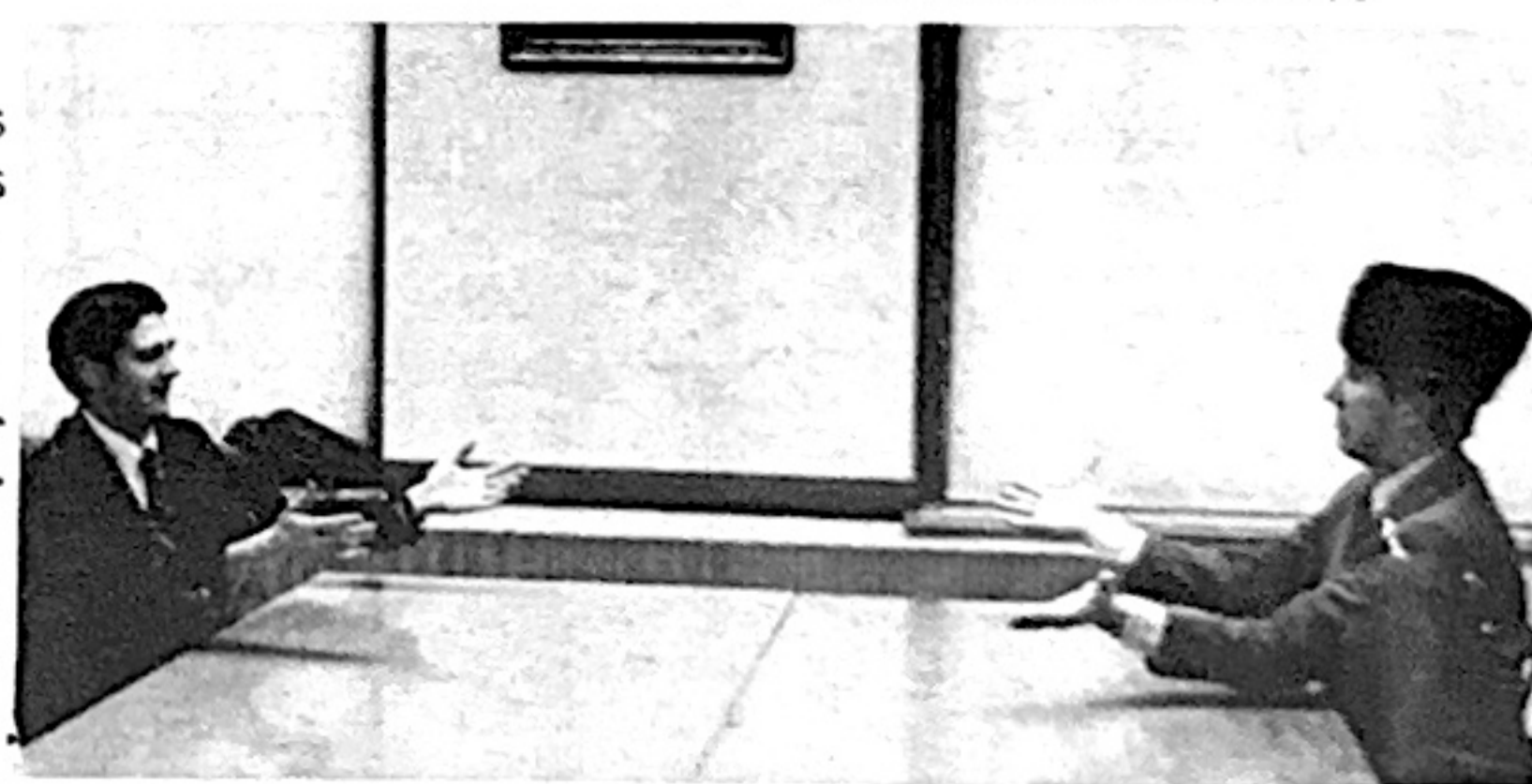
## Languages Languished

One of the serious deficiencies in the Overs' administration has been in the area of foreign languages. The record of two field trips in two years for the entire language department is a new high in lows.

Levine promises to bolster the sagging department through the institution of a daring new policy: making Chinese the official school language.



Young Fritz Overs (on right) displays his vocal abilities.



## A Juvenile Delinquent Says Mama Overs

"Appearances can be deceiving," said Mama Overs side to play in his in a recent interview, vegetable garden. I "you'd never know from thought that all this his public personality was harmless enough, I that Fritz is quite a mean, everyone knew that swinger. Fritz talked to plants... "Even when he was very And then one day I took small, I remember how out the garbage and I he seemed so innocent, caught him trying to He used to come home smoke one of his arti- from school and either chokes!... Kids!" change into his pajamas



## Playoffs Begin For Intramural B-Ball

As the Intramural basketball season nears its close, the races tighter and lighter. The play-offs for the league will be set up in a different way this year. To make things more exciting, each team will have the best record in each division as its first game as long as it is in their own division. The teams with the second-best records in each division are allowed to pick one of the three remaining teams in their division, and the last two teams in each division will play each

Shelley and Rod Cheney also score in double figures in most every game for the Colts. The Easternbunnies probably have the best team in the league. They have the longest winning streak of the year with six straight wins, and in most of their wins they double their opponents' score. Besides their loss, their only close game of the season was the Colts' game. The 'Bunnies' 6 foot 5 inch center Richard Underwood leads the league in scoring with a 31.6 average. Dayne Easterling is not too far behind with 26.7 points per game. Their 6 foot 4 inch forward David

In the B Division, the surprising sophomore team, the 77s, are running away with the title with a 5-2 record. Although they have not been able to beat an A Division team as of yet, the 77s have looked impressive against their own division. Jeff Cristal leads the team in scoring, while Jim McCord has registered 6.8 assists per game.

The rest of the teams in this division have barely achieved mediocrity. The Boston Coolers and the Kings have 3-4 records, and the D.A.'s have a 2-5 record. In the battle of the two winless

teams, the Wolfpack emerged victorious over the N.O. Jazz 60-52. The Wolfpack have a 16-record while the Jazz are destined to remain winless. That is the way the Intramural Basketball League has looked so far. The playoffs, however, have not yet begun, and they look like they are going to be great.

their main scorers, and Stover leads the league in assists with an average of 8.9 per game.

probably have the most balanced scoring attack in the league with Michael Smith, "Red" Smith, Marcus Turner, Peter Lewis and Mike Gadsdon all averaging in

3-4 records. The B-Buzzed have been erratic this year, playing well one week and then getting demolished the next week. Jeff

double figures this year. The Colt 45 Express is probably

Thompson seems to be the anchorman for this team, for when

Their devastating fast breaks have led to many easy layups for them all year. Their only loss of the season was to the Eastern bunnies 60-57. This game was tainted, however, because the Colts' leading scorer, Ron Teague, did not play. Besides Teague, Cortez Jenkins, Darrell

seems to play well as they say, "As goes Thompson, so goes the B-Buzzed." The 76ers, after looking great in upsetting the Globetrotters, have not played well since then. The only other wins they have registered this year have been against the lowly N O jazz and the Wolfpack.

## Trackmen Are Prepared To Open Spring Season

The Shaker track team opened its 1975 spring season with six indoor meets in three weeks. This is a period in which victories are always scarce for the Raiders because they lack their own indoor facility. Instead, Coach Rice places the emphasis on gaining running experience and rounding the squad into shape. These tasks are led by co-captains Darryl Collins and Jamie Kiggen. The events which have shown

who, after running half a mile, hands the baton to his twin brother Dan, who passes to Junior Mark Monroe, who hands off to returning letterman Perry Johnson. This fearsome four-some has already broken the Shaker indoor record in their event and by next year in the spring of 1976, Coach Rice looks for them to be in Columbus for the state meet.

the most potential are the 50-yard dash, the low and high hurdles

team is looking for an ingi-

Two Mile Relay, and the sophomore 600 relay, and are led by returning letterman Chip James. This experienced junior already has notched two dual-meet victories at Lakewood and Euclid and has won high places at the large Brush and Euclid Invitationals. Darryl Collins and returning

returning letterman, and the vastly improving sophomore Mark Davis. In the half mile there is Perry Johnson who last year in this event achieved all-LEL as a sophomore. In the long distances there is a lot of experience and motivation. In the

letterman Andy Johnson lead the large group of promising hurlers. Collins has run times that would place him, in the estimation of Coach Rice, as the league's top hurler in the Lake Erie League. Following right on his heels is Johnson who early this year racked up several decisive victories.

mie here are two returning lettermen, senior Scott Murphy and junior Bill Black. Running the longest event in any high school meet, the two mile, are two sophomores, Geoff Means and Steve Byrne.

The Sophomore 880 Relay is run by Bruce Lewis, Derek

termen, David Leeper and Jon Gram, who with continued work

Davis, Keith Iavender, and Jeff Lounds, in that order. At Euclid on March 15 they ran last enough to win their event. The Varsity 880 Relay is run by Andy Johnson, Ron Jones, sophomore Adwin Rogers, and Darryl Collins. This quarter will be right up there in May fighting for the title.

could have good shots at the 1511 crown. In the shot put the reigning letterman senior Ralph Gobidas and sophomore Thor Wallace.

The two mile relay is a group of two sophomores and two juniors leading off is Paul Abrahams

work and recruiting in the field events, could capture the LEI Team title during the spring campaign.

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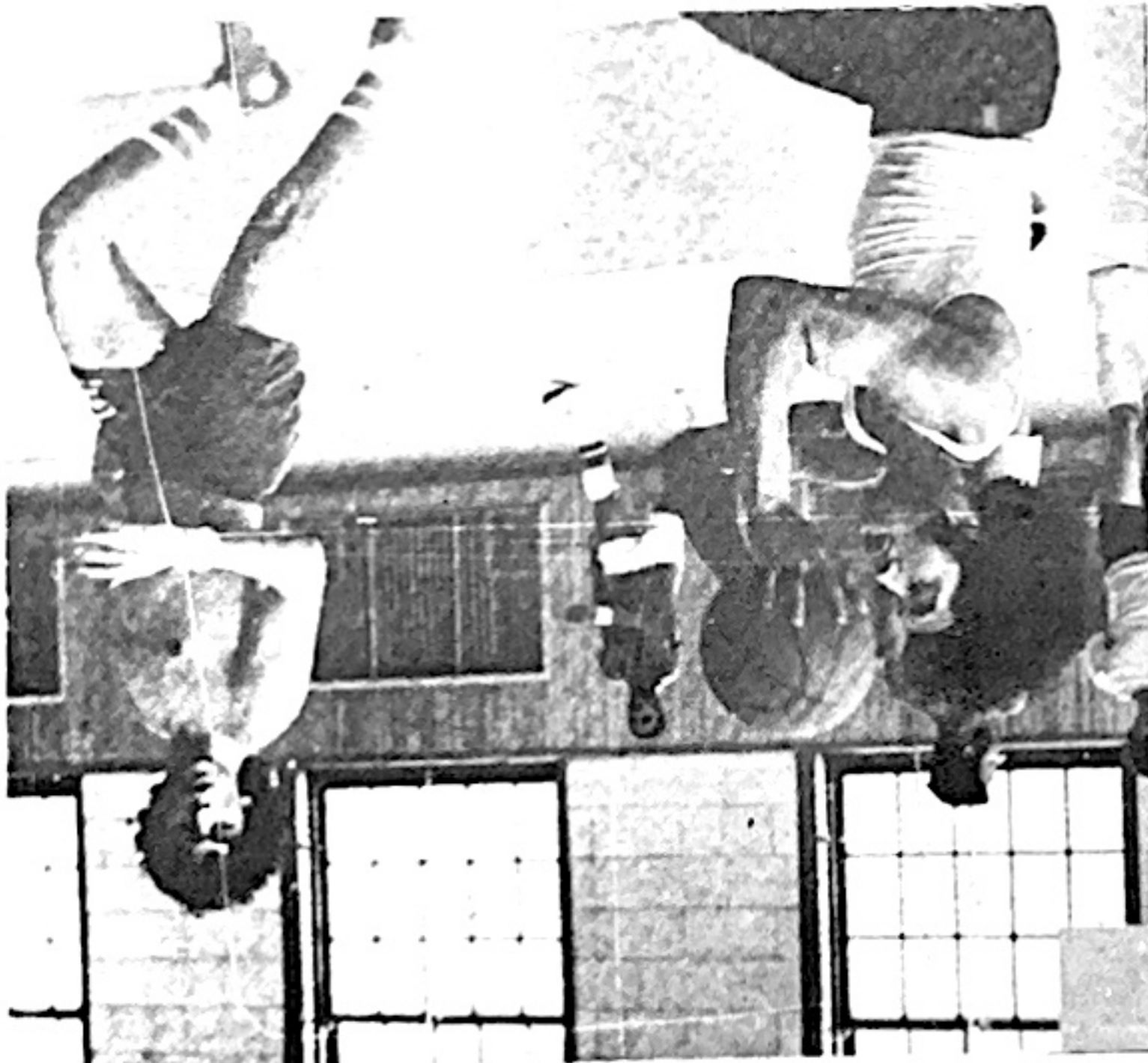
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## Spirited Swatters Swing Into Season

**Intramural basketball action at its best.**



by John Haske

stuff. Since rainouts are prevalent throughout the season, three pitchers could be all that is necessary in the spring schedule. If needed centerfielder Schwartz would be available for mound duty. Also, junior Rich Nathanson will be given a shot to make the club.

Only one of the remaining utility roles seems to be clear. Junior Jeff Nudelman will most likely get a uniform as a reserve outfielder. A reserve catcher will probably be chosen by Coach Heinlen. Another uniform will probably either go to pitcher Nathanson, senior infielder Scott Murra. There is an outside chance sophomore outfielder Peter Levine will earn a spot on the varsity.

The one sure thing about the Shaker squad is their ability to hit and score runs. As is often the case the ability of the pitchers and fielders to limit the opponent's scoring will determine success or mere par performance for this year's Spring schedule. The Raider swatters are highly respected, and accordingly Coach Heinlen have an abundance of talent, but their hope to ride with the pitching.

Letfielder Booye Austin and centerfielder David Schwartz are two more hitters who should supply power to Shaker's line-up. Schwartz's other capabilities not only include the ability to hit for phenomenally high average, but also a rifle throwing arm capable of gunning down baserunners at any base. The right fielder will be either one of seniors Steve Poe or Rodney Stover. Both have much needed speed, and Poe fields a good glove and hits adequately while Stover also carries a steady stick.

The success of the pitching staff, as it is with any baseball team, carries the key to a successful season. The potential is there, and again, whether it comes through will determine Shaker's fate. The three mound mainstays returning from 1974 Summer duty are seniors William Orange and Jay Lawson and junior Jiro Montford. Orange has everything necessary to be a first-class pitcher and Lawson should be a steady performer. If Montford can gain control, he should be effective as he has good year.

to how well Shaker will do this will be an important indicator as success as a defensive catcher

The Shaker baseball team will open the 1975 season away tomorrow against LFL rival Brush. Because inclement early Spring weather prevents any kind of meaningful outdoor practice, Coach Fred Heinlen has most of the varsity squad and the starting line-up fairly well set for opening day. Some spots remain to be resolved but all-important positions are pretty well decided. The infield consists of three returning lettermen, all juniors and one sophomore. The juniors are Jerry Cyncynatus at first base, Tom Haskell at second base, and John Stickley at third base. A surprising starter at shortstop will be sophomore Bob Bartlett who is being counted on to supply fine defense for the shortstop position. Third baseman Stickley, an excellent fielder, is expected to continue to improve his hitting to give Shaker more punch. Haskell, steady fielding second baseman, being relied on to hit well again as a junior. Cyncynatus is an established hitter and will give Shaker power along with a high average. Rounding out the infield is senior catcher Mark Cone, also a good hitter. Coach Heinlen indicated that Cone's degree



# Resignation Brings Tears to Students

The resignation of Dr. Fritz Overs as principal of Shaker Heights High School has been greeted with great sorrow throughout the school. His ubiquitousness and omnipresent aid to our beloved Student Council will be sorely missed. As with all changes, it took time to adjust to our new principal, yet Fritz wasted little time in showing the students that he cared. Maybe it was the rapidity and enthusiasm with which he met the 1973-74 Student Council proposal to set up a smoking lounge. Possibly it was his desire to help this year's Student Council open up a breakfast line. Nonetheless Fritz's presence at Shaker High will be missed, for in his two-year stint he has done more to change this school than any other principal in its history.

Coming from the hills of Tennessee, Fritz malingered well over a month before he finally became acquainted with the student body of Shaker. After only four months of continual complaints by sophomores, Fritz succeeded in the elimination of sophomore homerooms. If he could only have done the same with study halls, his memory would have become engraved in the annals of Shaker history.

His enthusiasm has permeated the entire school. No longer are seniors counting the days to graduation; rather they are asking themselves what they could have done to have made Fritz's stay a more enjoyable one for all concerned. The renowned senior Robert Tuschman quite accurately commented on Fritz Overs' reign as principal when he stated, "Nothing I can say about this man is printable subject matter." A star hockey player asked to comment on the resignation of Fritz Overs replied, "Who??" These two comments give us a fair overview of the huge impact this great man has made on the students of Shaker High.

Life without Fritz Overs will be difficult but I am sure that Fred Levine, with the aid of Student Council, the Shakerite Staff, and the Junior Council on World Affairs, will move than ably handle this tremendous task. Fritz Overs has left a legacy to the students of Shaker. His smiling face and effervescent personality will certainly be missed. Fritz has provided the new administration with solid ground on which to stand. Though the task of principal is at best mundane, he fulfilled his position in an admirable fashion.

This editorial must be concluded by sincerely thanking Fritz Overs for his two years of service to the student body. Though his memories will soon be gone, those students who have purchased a 1974 or 1975 Gristmill will long remember that homely face staring happily forward. For those students never having the opportunity to meet Fritz Overs, you have not missed a thing. For those students who have had the opportunity to meet this man, I give you my sympathy. The student body should commend itself for a difficult two years and in conclusion we must bid a fond farewell to this defeated man and wish our new principal, Fred Levine, the best of luck.

## Watergate Revisited

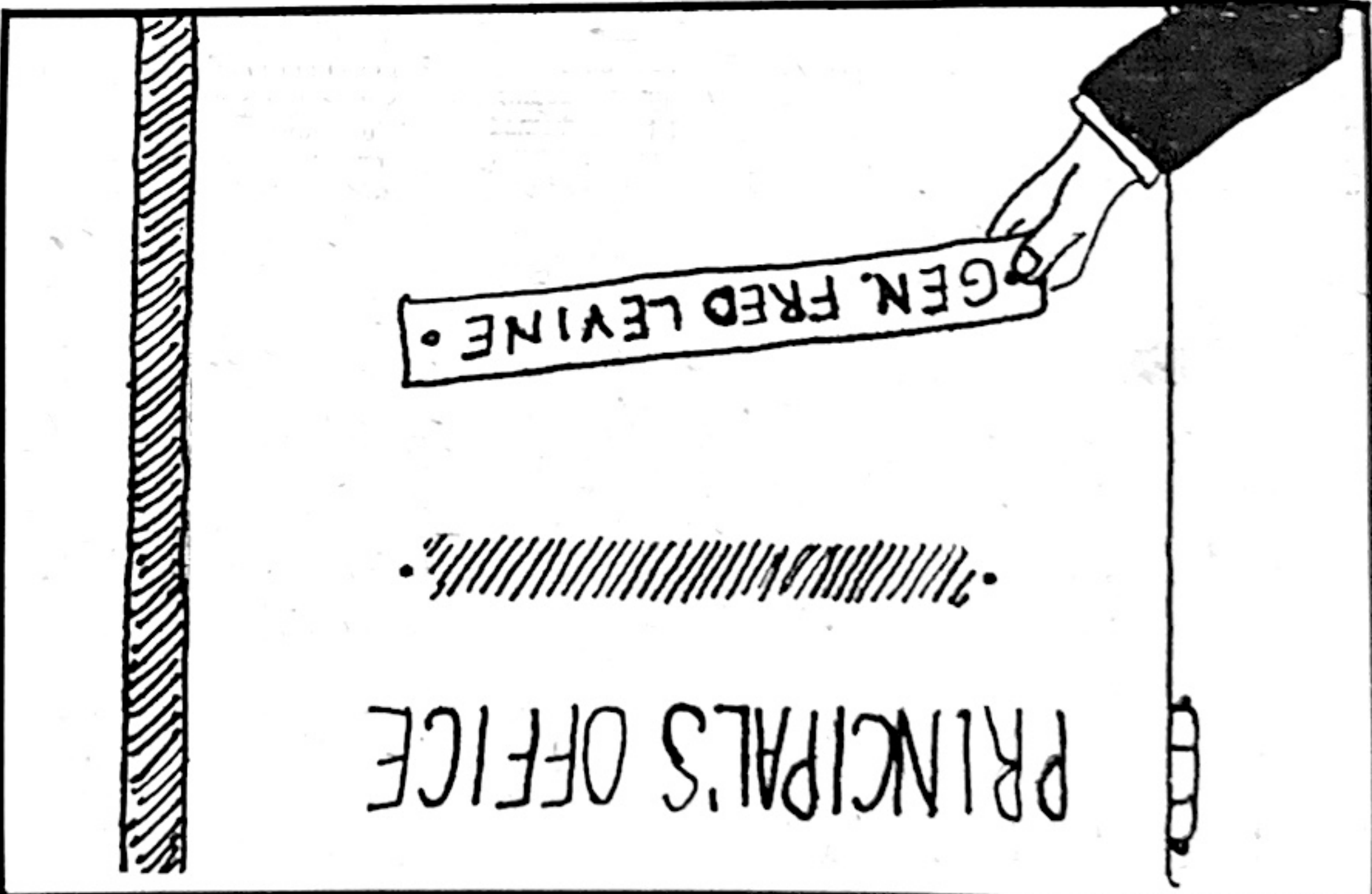
Contrary to popular opinion, President Gerald ("Gerry") Ford is a no-good, devious, nasty trickster who is trying to hoodwink the entire country. Who does he think he is? He must think that we (the collective United States) have no brains at all to let ourselves be duped by a president.

It started a year or two ago with the Watergate Scandal. (How we all abhor that word!) The real, absolute, (would I kid you?) scandal was covered up by the infamous G.T. Ford (known then as Sen. Ger Ford or just G. to his friends) For starters, the Watergate Towers are owned by the President in question. Secondly the story concerns a group of Democrats (ugh) who just happened to be in a room next to a group of the honorable Pres. Dickie Nixon's campaign members (Talk about your coincidences!). When the faucet in the Demmie's room started to leak, one of the young people in the room called for a plumber and one of the nice gentlemen next door (a reelectioner) being a plumber (talk about your coincidences!) volunteered his services. The funny thing was he accidentally mixed up the plumbing so that everything that was said in the Demmie's room could be heard in the next room also. UNINTENTIONALLY.

When G. found out that the plumbing was his responsibility (since he was the owner) and that the Demmie were going to sue him, he tried to put the whole blame on Mr. (ex-president) Nixon. (This reporter didn't believe it either the first time he heard it.) Poor Mr. (ex-pres.) Nixon was suffering from an ingrown toenail at that time and was limping anyway.

Anyway G. next tried to pull the proverbial wool over our proverbial eyes with his W.I.N. campaign (Who Is Nixon???) in an effort to get the bereaved minds of the people off the former beloved ex-president and onto the pressing problems of the day. We feel that if the former First Lady's husband once said, "When You've lost the people's trust, you've lost just about everything."

## Levine: The People's Choice



## "Let Them Eat Cake"

Now that our beloved principal has stepped down from that coveted office, "Principal of Shaker Heights High", I must give my full endorsement to Fred Levine, staff editor of the Shakerite, for the office of principal. It's time that a young new face emerge from the "Geniol Gang" who now occupies the current administration. The school is for the students, so a student should run it. Fred is the only logical choice for the job.

With the enactment by the Congress of the minimum-wage law and other fair work practices, one should realize there are people still being discriminated against at Shaker Heights High School. These individuals are rarely seen by the student body; however, they perform a service which is vital for a progressive school. These individuals are the science lab assistants who prepare all the scientific experiments, clean up after the teachers, and keep the science department on its toes. They are underpaid, overworked, and deserve more than a smile of appreciation or a pat on the back. It is the belief of this writer that abuses of manpower at Shaker should cease. Mr. Lawrence M. Siegel, President of W.A.L.A.C.E., (The Worldwide Association of Living Lab Assistants for Community Equality) had this to say about the current crisis, "The situation which exists at Shaker is a powder keg of NaHCO3, just ready to ignite." It is no wonder that this is the case of the lab assistants, for they must work for wages which do not exceed \$1.00 per hour. These are 1960 wages; the abuses the lab assistants must endure do not end with just their emoluments. These injustices wear hard on the assistants' nerves. After-school work receives no extra pay. One lab assistant had to work the day after final exams ended. (He had to plead with his employer not to make him work during them.) This is an unnecessary and unfair treatment of the lab assistants' rights of liberty and freedom. As the lab assistant becomes worn out by the long hours he must work, so does his ability to think clearly. The outcome very often is poor results in the laboratory. If a lab assistant is tired and weary he may mix two solutions incorrectly. I contend this is not the assistant's fault but those who make him work long hours. In the end the student body suffers. According to recent reports by science teachers, this year's labs have had 20 percent more failures than last year.

Aside from the scanty pay and the long hours the lab assistants must put in, the administration must be held partially to blame for the problems. Since 1972, pleas have been made to the front office asking for a new contract. When the assistants claimed they could no longer buy lunch at such a meager wages the office replied, "Let them eat cake!" I believe this pithy expression typifies the progress and feelings the front office wishes to show towards the matter. What right does this organization have to hold back the inalienable rights dictated in the Declaration of Independence? Lab assistants, the members of our school who strive to keep the students busy at work, deserve a better fate.

The lab assistants are also subject to perilous dangers. In the chemistry laboratory the lab assistant must handle certain chemicals which would turn anyone's stomach. One potent solution, butyric acid, smells as though one were standing five feet from a frightened skunk. Another chemical stained a lab assistant's hand so badly that only skin grafting saved his natural appearance.

Certainly the abuses the lab assistants must endure are shocking. They do not wish to give up their posts; however, a case for plea bargaining between labor and the administration is a must or a strike may be inevitable. Several measures are needed to correct the harms of the status quo. The minimum wage law should go into effect for lab assistants along with a cost of living clause. There should be pay equal to time-and-a-half for after school and holiday services. The next part of my plan would give the lab assistant life and health insurance. The amount would be determined by the insurance investigator. The final part of the plan would be a written statement by the front office asking for the forgiveness from the lab assistants for the abuses they have had to endure (a small favor to ask considering the severity of the problem). Lab Assistants: Unite!

## Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

My sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to the Shaker Heights High School Cafeteria for their wonderful service. Where else can you get delicious food and change back from your five dollar bill? If you happen to have only a dollar with you one day, you can still take advantage of the cafeteria by getting the "Student Special." This usually consists of such popular and favorite dishes as a radish plate, mushroom soup and milk.

Although the cafeteria has an excellent set-up, it's not quite perfect. There still exists a problem with hot lunches. Hot lunches are served, but by the time you reach your seat, you're dealing with cold cuts and warm milk. This is obviously due to the popularity of the cafeteria. There are so many students eager to handle the demand by students, buy food that they just can't

Despite all of this I get exhilarated just thinking about the delicious lunches I've had in the cafeteria. As a graduating senior I believe that I'll never forget those "all beef" patties, and that "special" tartar sauce I used to enjoy so much.

Sincerely,

The Gallopping Gourmet

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## Levine Takes Oath at Noon: His First Problem: Choice of V.P.



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In a surprising development yesterday afternoon, Shaker Heights High School principal Dr. Fritz Overs announced his resignation as commander-in-chief of this highly regarded suburban high school. Superintendent of Shaker Schools, Dr. John H. Lawson then announced that Shakerite editor Fred Levine would succeed Overs as principal. Lawson, after

expressing deep regret and praising the excellent job Overs has done at Shaker, said that he chose Levine because he (the superintendent) is starting a youth movement at Shaker in hopes of building a firm foundation for many years to come. This could mean the end of the line for many teachers as Levine, age 18, has said that he will waste no time in appointing younger

members to replace the Shaker staff commonly known as "the over the hill gang." Dr. Overs came to Shaker in September of 1973 from Kingsport, Tennessee. It is believed that he may return to this northern Tennessee town, located almost on the border of Virginia. Inside reports indicate, however, that he will buy a farm somewhere in central Tennessee

in an effort to "get back to nature". Apparently, Overs has been in contact with Euell Gibbons, the noted researcher in the field of back-to-naturlogy. Gibbons has evidently told Overs that he reminds him of "a wild hickory nut." (Continued on Page 3)

